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FOR ROBERT ROSENSTOCK US LEGAL DIVISION ONLY

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SAN JOSE DATED FEBRUAR 28,  
1977 SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO MEXICO, GUATEMALA, SAN  
SALVADOR, MANAGUA, TEGUCIGALPA, PANAMA IS REPEATED TO YOU:  
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, CS

SUBJECT: ODUBER ON VESCO

1. SUMMARY. IN FIRST SUCH PUBLIC COMMENTS IN A LONG TIME,  
PRESIDENT ODUBER STATED IN MEXICO THAT U.S. HAS DELIBERATELY MADE  
FAULTY EXTRADITION PRESENTATIONS IN PAST. HE STATED THAT VESCO  
IS NOT COSTA RICA'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM. END SUMMARY

2. LEADING OPPOSITION DAILY LA NACION FEB 27 CARRIED PRESIDENT  
DANIEL ODUBER'S STATEMENTS IN CANCUN, MEXICO ON VESCO IN RESPONSE  
TO MEXICAN PRESS QUERIES. ODUBER REPORTEDLY STATED:

-- THAT U.S. HAS DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR VESCO NOT TO BE  
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EXTRADITED DUE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVELY FAULTY PRESENTATION OF  
EXTRADITION REQUESTS MADE.

-- THAT VESCO HAS COOPERATED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COSTA RICA  
THROUGH IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS.

-- THAT THE U.S. HAS WANTED TO MAKE A SCANDAL WITH VESCO, BUT

THAT THERE ARE OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE TAKEN MORE MONEY OUT  
OF MUTUAL FUNDS AND THOSE ARE NOT SOUGHT IN THE SAME MANNER.

-- THAT WHEN AN EXTRADITION REQUEST IS CORRECTLY MADE, THE COSTA  
RICAN JUDICIARY WILL CONSIDER IT IN APPROPRIATE FASHION.

3. COMMENT: ODUBER'S RESPONSE ON VESCO IS STOCK, BUT IT REFLECTS  
THE IRRITATION THAT HE HAS ABOUT THIS SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY WHEN  
QUESTIONED ABOUT IT ABROAD. EXCEPT FOR THE "IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS"  
LINE (WHICH JOSE FIGUERES ALWAYS USES TO EXPLAIN WHY HE INVITED  
VESCO TO COSTA  
RICA), ODUBER'S REMARKS REFLECT HOW PRO-GOVERNMENT,  
COSTA RICANS, AND A GOOD MANY OF THE OPPOSITION AS WELL,  
LOOK UPON U.S.G. PERFORMANCE IN THE VESCO AFFAIR. KILDAY  
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